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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION
SCIENTIFIC STUDIES ON SHRIMP

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 2320, (B) GEORGETOWN 2355

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INFO CONTAINED REFTELS, U.S.
SCIENTIST BULLIS HAS MAILED INVITATIONS DATED JULY 28, 1978,
TO FISHERY OFFICIALS IN SURINAM, MARTINIQUE (COPY TO
FRENCH GUIANA), BRAZIL, BARBADOS AND TRINIDAD. INVITA-
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TIONS SPECIFY DATES FOR MEETINGS AS SEPTEMBER 26-28 AND
PLACE AS PEGASUS HOTEL GEORGETOWN. COPIES OF ALL INVITA-
TIONS SENT TO SENIOR GUYANESE FISHERY OFFICER JOHN MCCALMON.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY COORDINATE WITH MCCALMON TO RESERVE
MEETING ROOM CAPABLE OF COMFORTABLY ACCOMMODATING APPROXI-
MATELY 20 PERSONS FOR THESE DATES, AND TO RESERVE BLOCK OF

PEGASUS ROOMS FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 15 PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS EXPECTED TO ATTEND. MCCALMON MAY BE ASSURED THAT COST OF MEETING ROOM WILL BE COVERED BY MR. JACK SAHLMAN OF GEORGETOWN SEAFOODS. RE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT FUNCTION HOSTED BY RANKING EMBASSY OFFICER WOULD MAKE HIGHLY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON PARTICIPANTS,

ALTHOUGH JUDGEMENT ON APPROPRIATENESS THIS SUGGESTION IS LEFT SOLELY TO EMBASSY. SINCE JACK SAHLMAN HAS AGREED TO COVER COST ONE SOCIAL FUNCTION, IT MAY BE PRACTICAL TO HOLD ONE FUNCTION IN PEGASUS, NOMINALLY SPONSORED BY GUYANESE BUT FUNDED BY SAHLMAN, AND ANOTHER EMBASSY FUNCTION DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF REPRESENTATION FUNDS. SHOULD TIGHTNESS OF REPRESENTATION FUNDS PRECLUDE TWO FUNCTIONS, SAHLMAN FUNDS COULD BE USED FOR EITHER PEGASUS OR EMBASSY FUNCTION AT EMBASSY DISCRETION. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS WILL HAVE ARRIVED GEORGETOWN BY EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 25. REQUEST EMBASSY DETERMINE MOST APPROPRIATE PLAN FOR SOCIAL FUNCTIONS IN CONSULTATION WITH MCCALMON AND INFORM DEPARTMENT.

3. RE QUESTION POSED PARA. 4 OF REF. (A), DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY U.S. WECAF PARTICIPANT TO WHOM SUGGESTION WAS MADE, BUT WOULD, AT THIS POINT, SEE NO REASON TO OPPOSE GEORGETOWN AS VENUE FOR NEXT WECAF MEETING. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS STILL CONSIDERABLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIME BEFORE DECISION MUST BE MADE, THAT THERE IS ALSO A PROPOSAL IN THE WORKS TO MOVE WECAF HEADQUARTERS TO CARACAS, AND THAT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT OF ALL MEMBERS AT THIS STAGE. VANCE

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